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In re Application of:

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Examiner: Terressa M. Boykin

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in Polyester Production

Mail Stop Amendment
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Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This reply is in response to the Office Action mailed on June 29, 2005, and the period for response is set to expire on September 29, 2005. Applicants wish to thank the examiner for her time and attention for the telephone interview conducted on 8/9/2005. The following remarks are respectfully submitted and summarized what was discussed at the telephone interview. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Issue I: Anticipation Rejection (35 U.S.C. §102)

Claims 1-45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by US publication 20040176635. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As previously argued, US publication 2004017665 does not disclose every element as set forth in the claims in applicants' invention. For example, US publication 2004017665 does not disclose the limitation in the claims of "routing said water-wet